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1            AN ACT Relating to excluding from the definition of body-gripping  
2 traps those traps commonly used to capture certain burrowing mammals;  
3 and amending RCW 77.15.192.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.192 and 2001 c 1 s 2 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7            The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 77.15.194  
8 through 77.15.198.

9            (1) "Animal" means any nonhuman vertebrate.

10           (2) "Body-gripping trap" means a trap that grips an animal's body  
11 or body part. Body-gripping trap includes, but is not limited to,  
12 steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, Conibear traps,  
13 neck snares, and nonstrangling foot snares. Cage and box traps,  
14 suitcase-type live beaver traps, and all common rat (~~and~~) traps,  
15 mouse traps, gopher traps, and mole traps are not considered body-  
16 gripping traps.

17           (3) "Person" means a human being and, where appropriate, a public  
18 or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership,  
19 a government, or a governmental instrumentality.

1           (4) "Raw fur" means a pelt that has not been processed for purposes  
2 of retail sale.

3           (5) "Animal problem" means any animal that threatens or damages  
4 timber or private property or threatens or injures livestock or any  
5 other domestic animal.

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